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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To:

Members

Joint Committee on Finance

From:

Senator Howard Marklein

Representative Mark Born

Date:

December 1, 2021

Re:

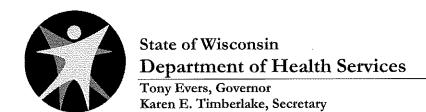
DHS Report to JFC

Attached is a progress report on the status of certain Medicaid waiver amendment initiatives in which the Department is currently engaged from the Department of Health Services, pursuant to 2017 Act 370.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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November 30, 2021

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The Honorable Howard L. Marklein, Senate Co-Chair Joint Committee on Finance Room 316 East State Capitol P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707

The Honorable Mark Born, Assembly Co-Chair Joint Committee on Finance Room 308 East State Capitol P.O. Box 8952 Madison, WI 53708

Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

Per the requirements of 2017 Act 370, this letter serves as the November 2021 progress report on the status of certain Medicaid waiver amendment initiatives in which the Department of Health Services (DHS) is currently engaged.

Per s. 20.940(3)(b)(2), created by 2017 Act 370, DHS is required to submit to the Joint Committee on Finance a monthly implementation progress report on the status of negotiations toward approval of any waiver request submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for which approval is pending. CMS is currently reviewing two pending Medicaid waiver amendments for which monthly reporting to the Committee is required.

On November 19, 2020, the Department submitted to CMS an amendment to the federal SeniorCare 1115 Demonstration Project, requesting to allow coverage of vaccines for SeniorCare members. The amendment will enable the Department to implement provisions of 2019 Act 185. The Department received the Committee's approval to submit this amendment on November 6, 2020. During the month of November 2021, the Department continued bi-weekly contacts with CMS regarding the status of the request. In addition, it received requests for information from CMS during the past month and responded to those requests. The amendment is still pending CMS approval.

On December 21, 2020, the Department submitted to CMS an amendment to the BadgerCare Reform 1115 Demonstration Project requesting to implement a Medicaid Health Savings Account Program for childless adults as required under s. 49.45(60), created by 2017 Act 271.

The Department received the Committee's approval to submit this amendment on March 12, 2020. During the month of November 2021, the Department continued bi-weekly contacts with CMS regarding the status of the amendment approval process. CMS staff indicated they would be in communication with the Department as they analyze the application.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely, Emin & Bolin

Karen E. Timberlake

Secretary-designee